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## Man Sentenced to Prison for Fatally Stabbing Young Son

A 39-year-old man was sentenced today to 16 years to life in state prison for stabbing his young son to death, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On June 23, Alejandro Santoyo Sanchez pleaded no contest to one count of second-degree murder in case VA136936. Additionally, the defendant admitted a special allegation that he personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, in the commission of the crime.

At today's court appearance, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Marcelita V. Haynes also ordered the defendant to pay more than \$12,300 in restitution to the victim's family and the California Victim Compensation Board.

Deputy District Attorney Araceli Otero, who prosecuted the case, said on Sept. 17, 2014, Sanchez's neighbors heard a commotion and saw Sanchez outside with blood on his body.

The neighbors then went to check on Sanchez's 6-year-old son and discovered he also was covered in blood, the prosecutor added.

At that point, authorities were called. The boy was taken to a nearby hospital for medical treatment, but ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

Soon after the incident, Sanchez was determined to be under the influence of methamphetamine and was arrested in connection with the killing.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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**About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office**

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.